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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN POSITION ON IEP

1. FOR BRUSSELS. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
ENDERS TO DAVIGNON. "OUR MOST RECENT INFORMATION FROM OSLO
SUGGESTS THAT ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING THE NORWEGIANS
ALONG ON THE IEP HAVE NOT BEEN EXHAUSTED. WHILE THE ODDS
DO INDEED SEEM TO BE AGAINST A NORWEGIAN DECISION
TO ACCEPT FULL MEMBERSHIP, CERTAINLY AT AN EARLY DATE,
WE THINK IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE KEEP UP THE PRESSURE FOR
POSITION ACTION AT LEAST ANOTHER MONTH. IF BY THE TIME
THE IEP IS ACTUALLY IN EXISTENCE THE NORWEGIANS HAVE
STILL NOT COME ALONG, WE CAN THEN CONSIDER AS A BODY
WHETHER OR NOT SOME FORM OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN WHICH
THEY UNDERTAKE TO PROVIDE GENEROUS ASSISTANCE TO THE GROUP
IN TIMES OF CRISIS (NOT 18,000 BARRELS A DAY BUT A QUARTER
OR HALF A MILLION) IN RETURN FOR RELEASE FROM FULL
AUTOMATICITY IS APPROPRIATE: BUT FOR THE PRESENT, NO

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RPT NO INDICATION THAT THIS IS A REAL POSSIBILITY SHOULD

BE GIVEN TO THE NORWEGIANS. NOTE THAT IT MAY TAKE THE NORWEGIANS AT LEAST AS LONG TO SORT OUT ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AS FULL MEMBERSHIP, AND THUS THAT IT IS NO GAIN TO OFFERING THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS AT THIS TIME.

WE PRESUME THAT THE RESULT WILL BE A SITUATION IN WHICH ELEVEN COUNTRIES PLUS MAYBE SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA GO AHEAD ON NOVEMBER 18."

2. FOR OSLO. SECTO 16 BEING REPEATED TO YOU GIVING THE SECRETARY'S REASONING UNDERLYING THIS POSITION. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS THE NORWEGIANS IN EVERY WAY YOU THINK PRODUCTIVE TO ADVANCE TOWARDS A POSITIVE DECISION ON THE IEP. PLEASE INFORM US IMMEDIATELY IF THE GOVERNMENT SEEMS LIKELY TO BE HEADED TOWARDS A NEGATIVE DECISION AT ANY POINT BEFORE NOVEMBER 18. SUGGEST YOU CONCERT WITH BRITISH AND DANISH AMBASSADORS ON PROPER APPROACH TO THE NORWEGIANS.

3. FOR LONDON. PLEASE PASS POSITION TO WILLIAMS AND MAITLAND AND ASK THEIR ASSISTANCE IN OSLO IN KEEPING THE PRESSURE UP ON NORWEGIANS TO JOIN THE IEP.

4. FOR COPENHAGEN. PLEASE COMMUNICATE ABOVE DECISION TO CHRISTIANSON AND RIBBERHOLT. INGERSOLL

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